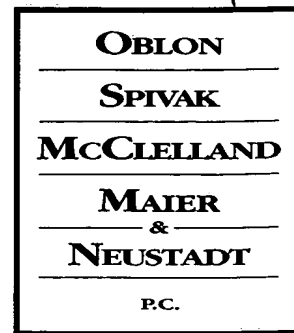




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For: SILICON NITRIDE ANTI-WEAR MEMBER AND
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response for Restriction Requirement

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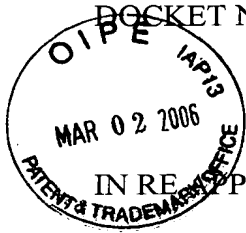
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 2, 2006, Applicants elect
with traverse Group I, Claims 1-5 drawn to a silicon nitride wear resistant member.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.